Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

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## BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:135(A), relative to registration of voters; to provide relative
3	to the close of registration records; to provide relative to application for registration
4	and changes in a registration; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:135(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§135. Close of registration
9	A.(1) Registrars shall close the registration records thirty days prior to an
10	election. However, if the deadline falls on a legal holiday, the registrars shall close
11	the registration records on the first day after such holiday which is not a Saturday,
12	Sunday, or other legal holiday.
13	(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
14	if because of an emergency as declared by the governor or by the parish president the
15	registrar is unable to open at least one office in the parish on the day on which the
16	registration records are to be closed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the
17	registrar shall not close the registration records on that day. In such case, the
18	registrar shall close the registration records on the first business day thereafter that
19	the registrar opens an office in the parish, and an application for any entry or change
20	in a registration received by the registrar on this day shall be deemed to have been
21	received as of the day the registration records were to be closed pursuant to
22	Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
23	(b) The registrar shall notify the secretary of state as soon as possible upon
24	determining that the registrar will be unable to open at least one office in the parish

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1 on the day on which the registration records are to be closed pursuant to Paragraph 2 (1) of this Subsection. 3 (c) This Paragraph shall not apply if the registrar fails to open an office 4 before the twentieth day prior to the day of the election. In such case, the registration 5 records shall be considered to have been closed as provided in Paragraph (1) of this 6 Subsection. 7 (d) For purposes of this Paragraph, "parish president" means the president 8 of any parish, mayor-president, mayor of New Orleans, or police jury president. 9 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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